Multiple Image Area Detection in a Digital Image

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5   ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

   A method for detecting an image area in a digital image
includes identifying in the digital image a first image
region indicative of a background area and a second image
region indicative of the image area, computing gradient
10   values using the pixel values of the digital image, defining
a list of strokes based on the gradient values, merging the
list of strokes, defining a list of corners using the list
of strokes, and defining an image area rectangle delimiting
the image area using the list of corners and the list of
15   strokes. The image area rectangle can be used to define a
binding box for extracting the image area from the digital
image. The method enables the automatic detection of
multiple image areas in a digital image. Moreover, the
method implements a robust algorithm for image area
20   detection such that even imperfect image areas can be
detected without errors.